Additional seats in Technical and Management Institutions

794. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Government/Private Technical and Management Institutions sanctioned by AICTE created additional seats in various disciplines across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there is shortage of Senior Faculty for Specialised Subjects like computer science, bio-technology, information technology and electronics, communication engineering, and other disciplines; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by AICTE to deal with the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to AICTE, there has been an increase in intake through additional courses and increase in existing courses in existing institutions and setting up of new institutions. Details across the country including Andhra Pradesh are as follows:—

Programmes	No. of Colleges (2004-2005)		Intake Capacity (2004-2005)		No. of Colleges (2005-2006)		Intake Capacity (2005-2006)	
	Total	AP	Total	AP	Total	AP	Total	AP
Engineering	1346	236	439689	82970	1475	274	499697	97942
Pharmacy	445	52	24672	2962	629	82	32708	4955
HMCT	58	nil	3554	nil	70	1	4435	60
Architecture	118	8	4491	420	118	7	4379	420
MBA	1007	215	75048	11680	1052	199	80464	13045
TOTAL	2974	511	547454	98032	3344	563	621683	116422

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by the AICTE, there is a shortage of senior faculty in the disciplines mentioned. In order to attract and retain bright, talented and competent professionals as faculty members, the AICTE has various faculty development schemes as well as other research and institutional development schemes. Under the Emeritus Fellowship scheme, the experience and expertise of superannuated faculty is utilised. The objective of visiting Professorship

scheme is to supplement the expertise lacking in the host institutes. The working ages in case of Professors has been increased from 65 to 70 years for next two years. For the year 2006-07, the cadre ratio of 1:2:4 for Professor, Assistant Professor and Lecturer has been relaxed to 1:2:6.

Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi fee

795. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi fee is being levied from students of Kendriya Vidyalayas of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fee collection and use are not subjected to scrutiny by Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Fee under Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) is being charged at the rate of Rs. 160/- per student per month from students of class XI & XII who do not belong to Science Stream and from students of classes I to X. In respect of students of Science Stream of classes XI and XII, the fee is charged at the rate of Rs. 200/- per student per month. The fee is not being charged from girl children of classes VI to XII, who happen to be the only children of their parents, from 1st January, 2006.

(c) The collection and use of fee under VVN are subject to audit by Comptroller and Auditor General.

(d) Does not arise.

UGC grant for infrastructure facilities

796. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) used to ascertain that the grant provided for constructing infrastructure facilities including hostels for students were utilised/being utilized for the same purpose for which the grant is sanctioned;

(b) if so, whether any survey or steps were taken during the last three years to examine the above facts;